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TAGS: AGAO, OVIP, AS  
SUBJ: COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

REF: STATE 014156

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S AUSTRALIA ITINERARY WITH HILL, AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS TO PLAN AND MANAGE ENTIRE STAATS VISIT AND WE HAVE OFFERED ANY ASSISTANCE SOCIETY MAY NEED IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT.

2. COMPTROLLER GENERAL AND MRS. STAATS WILL BE MET UPON ARRIVAL IN SYDNEY BY HILL AND SOCIETY'S SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT PROFESSOR RAY CHAMBERS, BOTH OF WHOM WILL ACCOMPANY THE STAATS ON THEIR FLIGHT FROM SYDNEY TO CANBERRA. SOCIETY HAS MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT LAKESIDE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, CANBERRA FOR FEBRUARY 20 THROUGH 23.

3. AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL LETTER OF JANUARY 18 TO COMPTROLLER GENERAL INVITES MR. AND MRS. STAATS TO DINNER AT RESIDENCE ON NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 22 AND WE HAVE CONFIRMED WITH HILL THAT  
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SOCIETY WILL LEAVE THIS EVENING FREE FOR RESIDENCE DINNER PENDING MR. STAATS' REPLY TO INVITATION. WE HAVE ALSO ARRANGED WITH HILL FOR COMPTROLLER GENERAL TO MEET AT EMBASSY WITH AMBASSADOR AND COUNTRY TEAM ON MORNING OF FEBRUARY 23. TENTATIVE TIME OF MEETING 9 A.M., SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF FINAL SCHEDULE FOR COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S MEETING WITH AUSTRALIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE NECESSITATES.

4. SUBJECT TO THESE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS, AS HOST ORGANIZATION, IS TAKING PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S SCHEDULE AND ARRANGEMENTS DURING CANBERRA VISIT. EMBASSY WILL, HOWEVER, STAY IN TOUCH WITH HILL TO BE OF ASSISTANCE AS PROGRAM DEVELOPS. MEANWHILE, IF COMPTROLLER GENERAL HAS ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS CONCERNING EMBASSY ARRANGEMENTS WE SHALL BE HAPPY TO COMPLY.

5. EMBASSY E/C COUNSELOR ROBERT SIMPSON HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIAISON WITH HILL AND FOR EMBASSY ARRANGEMENTS.  
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